



Sunday January 14, 2018 32nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Leavetaking of the Theophany. *St. Sava I, first Archbishop of Serbia (1237). The Holy Fathers slain at Sinai and Raithu: Isaiah, Sabbas, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others (4th-5th c.). St. Nina (Nino), Equal-to-the-Apostles and Enlightener of the Georgians (355)*

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 1/17 *Small Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.*

Saturday 1/20 *Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday 1/21 *Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.*

Followed by Coffee Hour & Church School

Reader Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>3RD HOUR</u>	<u>6TH HOUR</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>
Jan-14	BUNITSKY	BUNITSKY	CAREY
Jan-21	WALES	WALES	WALES
Jan-28	SULPIZI	SOUDER	LEWIS
Feb 2	MEETING OF THE LORD		

Hymns and Prayers

Tone 7 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death.
To the thief Thou didst open Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy,
and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that Thou art risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion of the Feast

When Thou, O Lord, wast baptized in the Jordan,
the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.
For the voice of the Father bore witness to Thee,
and called Thee His beloved Son;
and the Spirit in the form of a dove
confirmed the truthfulness of His word.
O Christ our God, Who hast revealed Thyself//
and hast enlightened the world, glory to Thee.

Tone 7 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Tone 4 Kontakion of the Feast

Today Thou hast shone forth to the world, O Lord,
and the light of Thy countenance has been marked on us.
Knowing Thee, we sing Thy praises:
“Thou hast come and revealed Thyself,//
O unapproachable Light.”

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

*v: Offer to the Lord, O ye sons of God! Offer young rams to the Lord!
(Ps 28/29:1)*

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. *(Ps 117:26:27)*

Epistle 1 Timothy 1:15-17

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Tone 4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*v: Bring to the Lord, O ye sons of God, bring to the Lord young rams.
(Ps 28:1)*

v: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters. (Ps 28:3)

Tone 7

v: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Thy Name, O Most High. (Ps 91/92:1)

Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging.

And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant.

So they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Then those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may receive my sight."

Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."

And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Hymn to the Theotokos

*Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable than the heavenly hosts.*

*No tongue knows how to praise thee worthily, O Theotokos;
even Angels are overcome with awe praising thee.*

*But since thou art good, accept our faith;
for thou knowest our love inspired by God.*

Thou art the defender of Christians, and we magnify thee.

Communion Hymns

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men. (*Titus 2:11*)

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (*Ps 148:1*)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This Week's Announcement

2018 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY The 2018 Diocesan Assembly will be held January 25-26, 2018 sponsored by St. Michael the Archangel Church. We will need help with the preparations, the food, hospitality, and cleanup. We will also need help with the singing of the responses for the divine services. Please see Jeff Kendall if you can help.

2018 Parish Council Members With the blessing of His Eminence Archbishop MARK the 2018 parish council consists of: President Jeff Kendall, V.P. Mark Bunitzky, Treasurer Jon Whalen, Recording Secretary Scott (Thaddeus) Lewis, Trustee Ed Hojnicky, Financial Secretary Sergey Baldytchev, Corresponding Secretary Deacon James Carpenter, Purchasing Agent Mary Anne Farrell. All will be sworn in today following Liturgy.

House Blessings House blessings are available. Please see Mat. Daria or Fr. Barnabas at coffee hour for scheduling.

Family Promise We are very grateful and thank all you for your continued ministry to Family Promise. The weather was tricky this past week so thank you all for another job well done.

AAC Special Parish Meeting On Sunday, February 11th, during the coffee hour, we will have an all parish meeting to elect a delegate for the OCA All American council July 23-July 27, 2018. If you are interested in serving as a delegate or an observer, please see Fr. Barnabas or one of our newly elected parish council members.

Study Group Our weekly study group continued this past Thursday where seven of us continued with "Courage to Pray" by Metropolitan Anthony. Please feel free to join us on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. All are encouraged to come for continued Adult Education.

Paraklesis Small Paraklesis will continue this Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Please consider making a commitment to be a reader or to learn and help offer the responses. Come be a part of the mid-week service of supplication. Note: Small Paraklesis will continue Wednesday evenings until the start of Great Lent.

Divine Liturgy - the center of the orthodox life

The Divine Liturgy is indeed the center of the Orthodox Christian life.

It is the sacrament of sacraments, or to use the more traditional Orthodox expression, the "mystery of mysteries." The word for "sacrament" among the Orthodox is usually "mystery."

The central mystery of the Orthodox faith is the service of Holy Communion, called the Eucharist.

As words, liturgy means "common action" and eucharist means "thanksgiving."

The first action of the liturgy is the gathering in common. The baptized and confirmed gather in one place. After the common prayer of the Church called the Great Litany in which petitions are made for all of the essential elements of life, biblical psalms are sung and the Word of God is presented to the faithful. Here the emphasis is on the epistle, the gospel and the sermon.

Then follows the offering of the bread and the wine as the offering of ourselves and our world to God in Christ. We ask God to accept us and

our gifts (the bread and wine) as we love one another and confess the Orthodox faith, the Nicene Creed which we, or our sponsors for us, proclaimed at our baptism.

We then offer up ourselves and our gifts to God in Christ in remembrance of all that He has done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection of the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting on the right hand of God the Father, and the second and glorious coming again. We then call the Holy Spirit "to come up us and upon our gifts" and to make them the Body and Blood of Christ and to give us the experience of the Kingdom of Heaven. Thus, we receive back our gifts of bread and wine as the gift of Holy Communion with God the Father through Christ and the Spirit.

Finally we depart in peace to bear witness in the world to the Kingdom of God which has been given to us, calling all men into this unity with God and each other in Him.

The Orthodox celebrate this Mystery of the Kingdom of God, the Divine Liturgy on each Lord's Day as well as on feasts and special occasions. It is the living experience of what all Christianity, and indeed all of life, is really about.

The Liturgy reveals what Orthodoxy really is.

The Liturgy is the central revelation of the Christian mystery, and in it the whole of Orthodoxy is somehow contained, remembered and given to our living experience. All the icons, the vestments, the candles, the singing.. everything taken together in harmony and unity serve to disclose just one thing: Man is made for God and finds his identity, fulfillment and perfection in Him.

We speak much today about identity and fulfillment. Who am I? What am I doing in this world? What is the sense of it all? Does it have any meaning?

The Orthodox Church says that the answer to all these crucial questions lies in Christ, His Cross and His Resurrection. Through Christ the meaning of myself and the world and everything that exists is disclosed and revealed. Through Christ, the Kingdom of God is opened to men and the possibility for my becoming myself is guaranteed. I become myself only in God. My nature finds its meaning in Him. My existence, as an image reflecting His divine reality, is secured. My life as an eternal be is established.

In this life this means that I must put Christ and take up His Cross and follow him. I must suffer for truth and love and goodness And yet there is joy in this suffering, for obedience to the Word is fulfilled in the Marriage Banquet of the Lamb of God in the Kingdom of God. This is the Christian Mystery which the liturgy reveals and for which alone, the Orthodox Christian Church exists in the world.

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Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

Do not let difficulties, lack of understanding, and so on, overwhelm you, but live each day with trust in God, not worrying about the problems of the morrow.

+Bishop Nektary Kontzevitch.

“Come, therefore, come and eat the bread of knowledge and wisdom, and drink the wine which spiritually delights the heart and dispels all the material and immaterial things because of deification - which is caused by the liberation of ourselves - and become inebriated with the truly alert inebriation. Come all you who seek to find the kingdom of God which is hidden in the field of your heart. And this is the sweet Christ. Thus being freed from the imprisonment of this world and the wandering of the mind, with our heart purified from the passions, with the awesome unceasing invocation of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the collaborating virtues, which this book teaches, you will be united among yourselves, and united this way, you will be united with God, according to the prayer of our Lord to his Father, who said, “So they may be one, as we are one.”

+St. Nicodemus

Prayers for the Departed: Archpriest Stephen Mack, Archpriest Wsevolod Drobot, Protodeacon Keith Russin, Matushka Martha Ermikov, Matushka Marie (Gambal) Kreta

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Josef Petranin, Fr. John Nightingale, Fr. Deacon James Carpenter, Mat Julia Petranin, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Mat. Jennifer Franchak, Mat. Lisa Weremedic, Matushka Myra Kovalak, Lemlem Resat, Peter Melnik, Olga Riley, Marie Holowatch, Marie Karawulan, Barbara Hicks, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Zack Bajuyo, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Mona Elia, Lydia Kendall, Maria and Doug Dozier, Mary Anne Farrell, Catalina (Mary) & Jeremy (John) Finck, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, Benjamin, Charles, Patrica, Lubov, Marilyn Coyle, Alfred Mokhiber, Stephanie Hojnicky, Cathy Souder

Prayers for Women and the Child to be born: Mary (Misty) Robinson, Laura Cristina Najemy, Maria Peck, Rachel Facaros, Leah Reed

Prayers for Catechumens: Stephanie Smiertka Riley

Date	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Service Duty</u>	<u>Church Cleaner</u>	<u>Library</u>
14-Jan	Shatley/Hines	Hojnicki/Souder	Bunitsky	Gundersen
21-Jan	Sulpizi/Skomorucha	Telep/Baldychev	Farrell	Farrell
28-Jan	Souder/Riley	Bunitsky/Lewis	Clause/Whalen	Skomorucha
4-Feb	POT LUCK - Oberto	Elia/Morjana	Finck	Maloney

Church School Reminder

Jan. 14 Class
 Jan. 21 Class
 Jan. 28 Class
 Feb. 4 Class

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Jan-14 Roel
 Jan-21 Rafael
 Jan-28 Roel
 Feb-4 Rafael